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First Aid Station of County Red Cross Ready for Emergencies

The Franklin County Red Cross has announced that six of the proposed nine highway first-aid stations contemplated for Franklin county have been established and are now fully equipped to render service whenever called upon. The stations were opened recently by the chapter's first aid committee, Motor Vehicle Inspector Patrick S. O'Donnell, County Commissioner Samuel U. Streeter, and Manager Ralph H. Hoit of the telephone exchange, who presented attendants with certificates attesting completion of a prescribed training course.

The stations are located at the following points: Bernardston, Eck Inn; South Deerfield, Standard Oil filling station; Northfield, Spencer Bros. garage; Ashfield, Reniff's garage; Orange, Cormier garage; Buckland, Ware's Auto Service. All stations have been equipped with 24-unit Red Cross first aid kits including one half-ring leg splint, a set of wooden splints, two blankets, repair blanks and a ready reference telephone directory of hospital and ambulance services. First-aid station signs have been erected at all the stations.

Northfield is fortunate in having one of these stations and is manned by a fine crew of workmen already announced in this paper.

FORTNIGHTLY

The meeting of the study group of the Fortnightly club scheduled at the home of Mrs. W. R. Moody last Friday evening to hear Mrs. G. Norton speak on "Early American Furniture" had to be postponed on account of the weather. This afternoon at three o'clock the club will meet at Alexander hall where the business meeting will consider the revision of the constitution, followed by a talk by Prof. Duley on current events.

On Friday evening, February 28, the study group will meet at the Homestead and Mrs. Frank Pearsall will act as the leader of a "Music Appreciation Hour."

W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union met with Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle, Wednesday afternoon. Projects for a program of Alcohol Education were reported. Dr. Dean was the guest speaker. He gave an interesting and enlightening address on Alcohol from the finding of medical science. He told what alcohol is, its effect upon the nervous, digestive and circulatory systems, taken in small and in large quantities, as well as its use as a medicine. He stated that primarily alcohol is a depressant. The effect of one glass of beer is to slow the mental processes. Life insurance company records show that the longevity of the total abstainer is much greater than the occasional drinker. Alcohol is used less and less by doctors. Its value is to be doubted in cases of pneumonia and with the advanced therapy of today is unnecessary.

At the close of the address tea was served by the hostess.

Northfield Grange

The regular officers of Northfield Grange, No. 3, and their men's second-degree staff met for a rehearsal of the first and second degrees at their hall last Tuesday evening. These two degrees will be conferred on a class of ten or more candidates at a special meeting on Tuesday evening, March 3 at 8 o'clock.

The next regular meeting of the Grange will be held on Feb. 25. Members of the Franklin County Extension Service will be present and will have charge of the literary part of the program.

A special meeting has been called for February 24 for the purpose of receiving applications for membership.

Chess and Checkers

The 16th Annual Chess and Checkers Tournament of Western Massachusetts and the Connecticut Valley will be held at the Y. M. C. A. at Springfield, Mass., on Washington's birthday from 11:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. There will be eight turnneys with prizes in all contests. All chess and checker enthusiasts are invited to attend. The Press is authorized to extend the invitation to local players.

Two Hundred Students Enjoy Annual Session At Hotel Conference

Two hundred delegates from various colleges in the Connecticut Valley attended the 12th Annual mid-winter conference on Christian work at the Northfield Hotel last week end — Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Many were quartered in the spacious Chateau which had been made ready and comfortable for their use. Twenty-two colleges and universities were represented by those in attendance.

The theme of the conference was "The Christian church as a world force." Among the leaders present were: Dr. John A. MacKay, chairman of the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian church; Prof. Henry Pitt Van Dusen, Dean of Union Theological seminary; Prof. Robert L. Calhoun of Yale Divinity School; and Prof. S. Ralph Harlow of the department of religion at Smith College.

The Conference committee consisted of William N. Lowell, Yale, chairman; Roy Chamberlin, Dartmouth; Ettie Chin, Smith; Leon Dickinson, Vermont; Felicia Gressitt, Mt. Holyoke; Jean Hume, Mt. Holyoke; Charles Ives, Williams; Philip Jacob, Yale; Ruth Keown, Wellesley; Florence Maddock, Vermont; Prof. Carl Rollin Key, pastor of the Seminary; Betty Proctor, M. S. C.; Wilmina Rowland, Bernice M. Wright and Wilmor J. Kitchen, Boston headquarters.

While here the conference members visited with the Northfield Seminary and Mt. Hermon School and many enjoyed themselves with the winter sports which the Hotel provided. It is expected that this conference will convene here again next year.

Key-Chase

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Barbara Burnett Chase, daughter of the Rev. Loring B. Chase of Rumford, R. I., to Rev. Carl Rollin Key, pastor of the Christian Church at Holland, Va., on Friday afternoon, Feb. 14, at the parsonage at Rumford. The setting was in a scene of mellow candlelight and in the presence of relatives and friends. Her father, Mr. Chase, officiated at the ceremony.

Mr. Key and Miss Chase both graduated from Elon College, North Carolina in 1933. Since graduation Miss Chase has been teacher of music in the Riverside Junior High School of East Providence, R. I. Mr. Key is also a graduate of the Vanderbilt School of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and was ordained Sept. 29, 1935. After March 1, Rev. and Mrs. Key will be at home to their friends in the Manse at Holland, Va.

Miss Chase has many friends among members of the summer colony at East Northfield where she has spent her summer seasons.

Alliance Entertained

Mrs. C. H. Webster assisted by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Alexander and Mrs. Eva J. Ware was hostess to the Alliance ladies of the Unitarian church last Thursday afternoon. The program was a decided departure from the usual Alliance program. By special request, Miss Marion Webster gave a musical hour of rare beauty and interest. She played upon her new Steinway grand piano, which the ladies wished especially to hear. She also played the violin, accompanied by Mrs. Webster, and she sang several selections. The ladies agreed that it was one of our best programs.

Picnic In Woods

A party of some sixty guests of the Northfield Hotel enjoyed a winter picnic in the woods last Wednesday noon. The place was in the woods to the rear of the old Sheldon Mill. It was a gala party and the group presented an interesting sight in their varied colored sport suits. A mighty fine feast had been prepared by the hotel staff and everyone said it tasted mighty good.

Deerfield Invites

The Deerfield Haigis for Governor club cordially invites all friends to attend a Haigis meeting at the Deerfield Academy gymnasium on Saturday, Washington's birthday at 2 p. m. to greet and hear Mr. Haigis who will have a most important message in regard to the coming political campaign.

High School Pupils Win Their Honors For The Half Year

Many of our young folks who are pupils at the high school have evidently done some good work during the past half year and it is reported that the following have received high averages. Those above 90 are: Eva Fisher, Anna Fisher, Phyllis Cota, Grace Tenney, Rose Seyfert, Helen Wozniak, Esther Ladzinski, Susanna Wilder, Monica Weed, Raymond Plotczyk, Robert Russell, Hazel Tenney and Elva Martineau.

Those receiving above 85 are: Evelyn Clough, Charles Stevens, Velma Shearer, Helen Williams, Laurie Harris, Stanley Gorzonski, Jeannette Plotczyk, Philip Mann, Madilyn Whitney and Grace Johnson.

High honors and honors have also been accorded in English, Latin, History, Government, Problems of Democracy, Chemistry, Cooking, Mathematics, Biology and French.

Local Brotherhood Holds Regular Session

The regular meeting of the Northfield Brotherhood was held last Tuesday night in the vestry of the Congregational church, with President Harry A. Erickson president. Supper was served to the members at 6:30 o'clock, following which a short business meeting was held.

Although a small number was present, they were well rewarded by the program offered by Prof. Frank Duley, who spoke on the personnel of the United States Senate with special emphasis upon the Senators from Massachusetts, and Prof. Horace H. Morse, who spoke on the origin of the United States Constitution and its application today.

At the conclusion of his talk, Mr. Duley asked if the citizens were willing to have as success, or to the worthy list of senatorial representatives from this state, the present governor. Mr. Morse answered a number of questions from the floor. After the meeting had officially closed, groups were in animated conversation on the topics raised during the session.

Given Linen Shower

Last Friday evening a linen shower was given at the home of Mrs. Gordon Buffum in honor of Miss Gladys Miller.

The house was decorated in red and white in keeping with St. Valentine's Day. Miss Miller received many beautiful gifts after which games were played and refreshments served.

Those present from Northfield were Miss Gladys Miller, Mrs. W. D. Miller, Mrs. Lester A. Polhemus, Miss Dorothy Quinlan, Mrs. Ray Fish and Mrs. Donald Williams, and from Mount Hermon, Miss Mary T. Baker, Mrs. Laura Stevens, and Miss Elizabeth Woodruff.

During the evening a cake was presented Mrs. Laura Stevens in honor of her birthday.

Parent-Teacher News

The next meeting of the Northfield Parent-Teacher association will be held on Monday evening, March 2 at 7:45 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Ross Spencer. The speaker at this time will be Miss Alma Porter, assistant director of physical education for Massachusetts. Miss Porter will talk on how to make the most of our playgrounds, and the necessity for trained supervision. Don't overlook this important meeting, for it is sure to be of interest to all who feel the lack of adequate instruction in this department of our school curriculum.

Hit By Car

Leroy Dresser of Northfield was painfully injured by a car operated by Harmon Melcher of North Adams on High street in Deerfield, Tuesday afternoon.

Dresser told police he had stopped his machine on High St. and was walking around it to look at the radiator when he was struck. The door handle of Melcher's car caught his arm, tearing his coat and inflicting a flesh wound which was treated at the Franklin County hospital.

Appointed Dealers

Spencer Brothers have just been appointed by the Ford Motor Co., as their dealer for the new Lincoln-Zephyr car for the whole of Franklin county and a part of Cheshire county. This new car is built in the Lincoln factory and is a high quality car to sell at a price between the Ford and the Lincoln.

Eastern Skiing Champion Events At Brattleboro

Brattleboro will be the mecca for winter sports enthusiasts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and thousands will witness the Eastern skiing championship events in cross-country skiing and jumping. Four special trains will bring excursionists from Boston, New York, New London and New Haven and way stations. Many well known ski jumpers have already arrived to take part in the events and with the exceedingly fine winter weather and plenty of snow it is expected that records will be broken. The Brattleboro Outing Club is the sponsor for the meet and the program is as follows:

Friday evening the Ski Ball at the Community Building, Saturday, at the Townshend State Forest, 10 a. m., second-class down-hill race on Bald Mountain Trail; 1:30 p. m., cross-country championship; Sunday at the Retreat Park, 9 a. m., Slalom event of the Ski Meister competition; 10 a. m., Ladies' Slalom race; 1:00 p. m., jumping championship. Then will be individual and team awards. Brattleboro Hotels are crowded and with Washington's birthday Saturday, the town will have a real holiday period. Many from Northfield will attend the meet.

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HERMON NEWS

Hermonites were addressed on Sunday morning by Professor S. Ralph Harlow of Smith College. He gave an interesting and enlightening talk on the World Student Christian Movement, with which he is affiliated. He presented from his long experience with this movement its purpose: to establish more firmly the philosophy of love in place of the too-prevalent one of ill-will, and told something of the methods of accomplishing this end, by holding conferences with students from all regions of the world under the direction of prominent Christian leaders, and by putting into effect the decisions made at these meetings.

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SKIING IS THE SPORT



Skiing has become the most popular winter sport in Northfield and everyday may be seen groups of young men and young women gliding over the snow and ice in their varied colored costumes. Those who want the excitement of the sport take to the hills of which there are many hereabouts.

Back In Washington Treadway Enthused

Congressman Allen T. Treadway of our own district is back at his desk in Washington after spending a week with his neighbors here. He is very much heartened by his impressions which he received from his constituency.

While he was here he had spoken as many as three and four times daily. Treadway said he noted a "substantial return to Republican fundamentals" among the citizenry of the western part of the state.

"The defeatist attitude is gone," Treadway said. "I found an unquestionable desire among the people to be done with the experiments and mistakes of the new deal. It was heartening to find Republican zeal rekindled. It is my belief this zeal will be reflected at the polls next November."

Several Northfield friends took pleasure in greeting him during his sojourn in Greenfield.

SEMINARY ITEMS

The Rev. Dr. George Stewart, minister of the First Presbyterian church, Stamford, Ct., was the speaker at both services last Sunday. The Day of Prayer of the World's Student Christian Federation was observed. Dr. Henry Hallam Tweedy of Yale Divinity School will speak at both services next Sunday. The evening service will be held at 8:00 o'clock.

Prof. Frank L. Duley devoted his weekly talk on current topics Wednesday morning at Sage Chapel to Abraham Lincoln, Prof. Horace Morse of Mt. Hermon will speak on George Washington at the Saturday morning chapel service.

Two interesting features of the lecture course will take place on the next two Saturday nights. To-morrow Joseph G. Reynolds, Jr., of Belmont will deliver a lecture on "Stained Glass" which will be illustrated with hand-colored slides showing examples of some of the world's outstanding stained glass windows and the process by which these windows are made. A week from tomorrow night Branson deCou, for several years a feature in this course, will deliver his illustrated lecture on "Glorious Switzerland."

Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, dean of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., will be the speaker at a meeting of the Mt. Hermon faculty in the Y building, Friday night, to which the Seminary faculty have been invited. Dr. Hough was one of the principal speakers at the Northfield General conference last summer.

Those in Northfield who are interested in arts and crafts material should not fail to make a visit to the Jones Library in Amherst, where the Deerfield Valley Arts association has placed a large collection on view until March 8. Included in the collection are 39 oil paintings, 11 water colors, eight etchings, 13 drawings, a model for a stage setting and one for a fraternity house. There are also examples of sculpture, pottery and pewter, embroidery and weaving.

The type man spoiled the good weather story last week just by a little word "above" instead of "below." Feb. 9, 1936, 6 degrees above zero; Feb. 9, 1934, 40 degrees below zero, in Northfield, Mass.

The Garden Club Held A Supper

The Northfield Garden Club held its annual supper at the Town Hall last Monday evening at 8:30 p. m. In spite of the rather dubious weather, there was a good attendance and the supper committee deserve a vote of thanks for the delicious array of food that was set before the diners. Supper was followed by a business meeting and then the beautifully colored slides on Civic Improvement, loaned to the club by Better Homes and Gardens, were shown. Mr. Roy Hatch presided at the lantern and Mr. Stephen Stark read the lecture. The next meeting of the club will be the annual meeting in March when the officers for the coming year will be elected.

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No. 2—NIGHT DRIVING

IT'S JUST AS TRUE as can be that when people get expert at anything they apt to begin getting careless about it, and that's what we have to look for when driving our cars. For instance, we recently heard a group of engineers discussing night driving, and one thing they kept talking about was "over-driving our headlights."

Now that term seems to be a common one with them, but it's new to me.

What they mean is that the distance we can see clearly by headlights is, of course, limited, and that we are apt to let our car speeds get beyond the point where we could easily stop within that limited distance. It's true that we naturally tend to go a little slower at night. But if we aren't careful we gradually get going faster than we realize, and that may get us into trouble. You see, momentum, the same force that tries to keep us from making turns safely; that cuts all kinds of capers on slippery roads... never sleeps! He works on the same old principles night and day. Darkness doesn't hinder him, but it hinders us.

Most modern headlights are pretty wonderful lights, but after all they don't give us the distance or clarity of vision that daylight does. So, on considerably shorter notice than in the daytime a vehicle or pedestrian can come out of the darkness. Almost before we know it we may have to slow down or stop for someone or something on the road... perhaps one of those big lumbering trucks that you barely see till you're right up on them; or a car whose tail-light has gone out... an unexpected curve, or what not.

And that's where we meet up with momentum again. You see, stopping isn't the one simple action we always thought it was. The truth is, we are told, that there are really three things we have to do to stop. First we have to think of stopping. Next we have to move one foot over on to the brake pedal. And then we have to push down on the brake pedal.

Now we might not believe it, but they tell us those first two steps take time. Less than a second, probably, but even in that instant momentum is carrying us on. In fact, at only 20 miles an hour the average driver goes 22 feet before he can even start to use the brakes.



Then after he does get the brakes to working, it takes him another 18 feet to stop completely, even with the best brakes in the world and with good tires, under favorable road conditions. At least so we are told by the State Board of Public Works of one of the states which has made a very intensive study of drivers and driving conditions, and which has prepared the data for the above chart.

The important thing to realize is that distance needed to stop increases in great deal as we increase our speed.

We just have to remember that when we're moving along in a car, we think by the foot, act by the foot and stop by the foot, and if we aren't careful, it's easy to get going faster than is really safe.

Now, just as engineers have told us how to operate in safety with our own lights, many experienced drivers have pointed out how to avoid trouble from other people's lights. They say that all we have to do, when passing other cars at night, is to stop looking at their lights and watch the right-hand side of the road.

The truth of the matter is that night driving can be just as pleasant and just as safe as day driving. But we have to be more alert and more careful.

PERSONALS

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner will preach next Sunday in her former church at North Adams. This church recently held a service conducted entirely by the young people. Then the laymen of the church held a regular church service which was a great success. Now the laymen will conduct the entire church worship service, except preaching the sermon. This they have asked their former lady minister to do.

Miss Elizabeth Zimmerman of Greenfield is visiting at the home of her nephew, Charles Kehl on Parker street.

LOCALS

Mr. Paul Jordan, local agent, informs us that the Chevrolet Motor Co., reported production for January of 104,193 units, an increase of 45,795 over January, 1935, and 12,609 units more than the best previous January (1928) in the history of the company.

Two "snow trains" passed through Northfield last Sunday, enroute to Brattleboro from Connecticut points. They carried over thousand excursionists. One was on the B. & M. R. R. and the other on the Central Vermont Railroad.

The Cryptograph word last week, the second of the series, was ESTABLISH.

The Westminster Choir School Bulletin for February has been received by many friends of the school in Northfield. The Bulletin is really a catalog of the school and anyone interested in church music should write to Mr. A. P. Fitt at the school, Princeton, N. J., for a copy.

Mileage Hints



By J. F. Winchester, S.A.E., Supervisor of Motor Vehicle Equipment, Colonial Esso Marketers

THE average driver would get several thousand additional miles out of his tires if he would be just a trifle more careful and watch several little things that cause undue wear.

First, if he mounts his own tires, he should be sure that the tubes are not pinched. Then, he should tighten the rim bolts evenly and completely. Every now and then he should check these rim bolts to be sure they have not loosened up. Serious accidents have been caused by loose rim bolts. A turn here and there with a tire wrench only takes a few minutes.

Many drivers park against the curb very carelessly, scraping the tires against the rough stone, wearing out the casings and weakening the side walls. Others run over curbs and take bad bumps at high speeds, subsequently wondering why their tires have not lasted as long as they should.

Speed is one of the real enemies of tire life. The Buick service expert recently made a study of speed in its relation to tire life and found that at an average speed of 20 m.p.h. a tire lasted 30,000 miles, whereas at an average speed of 30 miles per hour the life was 21,000 miles and at an average speed of 50 miles per hour it was only 10,500 miles.

Remove stones and tar, oil and grease, from your tires; repair small cuts; keep the front wheels in alignment; start slowly from a standstill; keep tires properly inflated and do not skid around turns, and you will find you get much additional mileage from your tires. Better still, you will have fewer flats if you do these simple things.

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INTERESTING ITEMS

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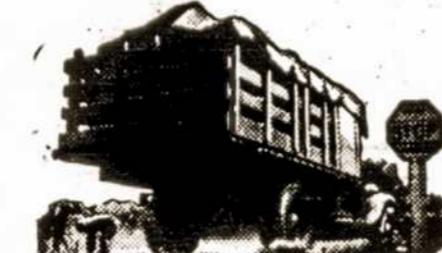
I am satisfied on one thing at last; I found out where my husband spends his evenings," remarked Mrs. Gad-about.

"You don't say so, dear; how did you find out?" questioned Mrs. Gossip.

"I stayed at home one evening



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MOVIE STARS GO DOMESTIC

THE latest reports from Hollywood are to the effect that the film stars have rebelled against a continuance of the kind of gossip that writers and correspondents for the magazines and big eastern papers have been distributing.

For a long time the performers did not object. If the country enjoyed reading about them, they did not mind how greatly exaggerated the reports might be, just as they were printed. It all helped to keep

their names before the public.

But finally the stars grew tired of it. They good-naturedly had agreed to all kinds of misleading tales of life in Hollywood, because they had felt that the public would not be interested in reading of them leading the same kind of lives that are led by hundreds of thousands of others.

What "kick", it was argued, would anyone have gotten out of knowing that Dorothy Dix, star of Educational Pictures, owns a washing machine, just as 10,000,000 others do? And yet here she is, smilingly posing with the machine as part of the new evidence that most film stars have the same interests and habits as others, and that many of the widely circulated stories about them have been greatly exaggerated.

PIANO TEAM TO BE HEARD



HANNAH KLEIN (left) and Pauline Gilbert, outstanding piano duettists, will be a feature of the "Magic Key of RCA" program to be heard over the NBC Network at 2 P.M. E.S.T. Sunday afternoon, February 23rd. Miss Klein and Miss Gilbert are graduates of the Juilliard Foundation and have for several years been engaged in private concert work throughout the East. They

were brought to the attention of the sponsors of the Magic Key program through the interest of one of America's leading music lovers.

Other features on this program

will be Rudy Vallee and his orchestra, Francis White, well known radio songstress, and Gene Raymond, motion picture star. A high spot of the broadcast will be a description of the Mardi Gras celebrations taking place in New Orleans that day.

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LOCALS

"Youth hostel activities in America and foreign countries" was the subject of an illustrated lecture by Monroe Smith of Northfield in the Jones Library auditorium at Amherst last Sunday afternoon.

Prof. Spurgeon Gage conducted the service at the Millers Falls Congregational church last Sunday.

The Northfield bowling team rolled the Bear Cats of Greenfield Wednesday evening of last week and won by a score of 3-1. The Northfield bowlers were Bolton, Dunnell, Browning, Lazelle, Gingras, and Ware.

The next feature on the entertainment course of the Seminary is to be a lecture on "The Story of Stained Glass Told in Color" by Joseph B. Reynolds of Belmont, Mass. This is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, in Silverthorne Hall at 8:00 p. m.

A brass quartette of Mt. Hermon students assisted in the musical part of the service at the Millers Falls Congregational church last Sunday.

The new telephone directory for this district including Northfield, was received through the mails by all telephone subscribers in town last week. The list shows an increase over last year.

Several guests from Northfield were present at the semi-public installation of officers of the Hinsdale Order of the Eastern Star last week Wednesday evening.

A bequest of \$5,000 for the Advent Home in Vernon, is contained in the will of Mrs. Flora M. T. Noyes of Pittsfield, N. H., who died recently in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Washington's birthday on Saturday means that there will be no rural free delivery service of the mails. The post office is open from 9 to 11:30 a. m.

In our article in last week's Press on the visit of the "bombers" we referred to Northfield's three aviators. We learn since that Mr. Joseph Cembalisty our genial Ford salesman, connected with Spencer Bros. is also a "high-flyer" and has a pilot's license. We do not know where Joe was when the "bombers" visited Northfield but we would wager that he was out with some fair damsel teaching her how to drive her brand new 1936 Ford V-8.

A most interesting visitor comes to a window ledge feeding station for birds nearly every evening at the home of the Editor of the Press. It is a flying squirrel and a most curious little animal. It is brownish and gray in color but instead of a bushy tail has a flat one about two inches wide. When a flashlight is thrown upon it, it remains perfectly calm and invites a good study while feeding upon the crumbs on the shelf.

SOUTH VERNON

On Tuesday morning, Feb. 18, Mrs. Dorothy Louise Tibbets of Luden Ridge, N. H., formerly of this town and eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George A. Gray, started on a tour with the N. E. Fellowship for an evangelistic series of meetings in New England.

A wedding reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay E. Johnson on Saturday evening, Feb. 8 in honor of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker who were recently married.

As Mrs. M. H. Brown stepped out onto her piazza Saturday night, it proved to be icy, she fell, striking on her back. Fortunately she escaped being seriously injured.

An entertainment is to be held by the South Vernon P. T. A. on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 p. m. at the South Schoolhouse.

Rev. and Mrs. George A. Gray and daughter, Miss Nina, visited their daughter, Mrs. B. D. Tibbets in Laconia, N. H., last week.

Friends and neighbors of Robert Bruce, met at the home of his parents last Friday evening, Feb. 7, in honor of his 21st birthday anniversary. A social time was enjoyed by all.

The Pond P. T. A. held a fine entertainment at the Pond schoolhouse, Thursday evening, Feb. 6. Elmer Scherlin announced the program consisting of readings, songs and a humorous play, written by Mrs. Hazel Scherlin.

PRESS RECIPE

THE last word 'in' muffins will never be said so long as the talented housewives of America retain any of their culinary ingenuity—for in any household a new kind of muffin is a new treat. Every so often some woman meets the challenge by producing a new and delectable muffin. It was a genius who created Cranberry Flakes Muffins and I, for one, salute her—wherever she may be.

Cranberry Flakes Muffins
1½ cups sifted flour; 4 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; ½ teaspoon salt; ½ cup sugar; 1 cup coarsely chopped cranberries; 2 eggs, well beaten; 1 cup milk; 4 tablespoons melted butter or other shortening; 1 cup bran flakes or Grape-Nut Flakes.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt, and sugar, and sift again. Add cranberries to ½ cup flour mixture. Combine eggs, milk, and butter; add to flour mixture, beating 'only enough to dampen all flour. Fold in cranberries and flakes. Bake in greased muffin pans in hot oven (425°F.) 25 minutes, or until done. Makes 18 muffins.



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These snaps can be taken outdoors or indoors by well lighted windows or at night with two or three floodlight lamps. With floodlight lamps, however, it will be necessary to use a camera with an f/6.5 or faster lens. The shutter speed in this instance should be set at 1/25 second. Set the diaphragm at f/6.3.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1936

EDITORIAL

We are all hero worshippers in small or large measure! And never have we been given a greater hero to admire and after whose character to pattern our own, than Abraham Lincoln. The littlest child . . . the most elderly veteran . . . can well be inspired by the record of his life and achievement.

Mount Holyoke College is commemorating the centennial of the granting of its charter which was on February 11, 1836. President Mary E. Wooley paid high tribute to the courage of Mary Lyon and her associates in its beginning. This charter to a college for women was probably the first ever granted.

"A 100th birthday is an event," said Miss Wooley, "especially when it is of an institution which has gone from strength to strength as Mount Holyoke has done in its long history. Our own living should be inspired by the struggle made 100 years ago by the founder of the college in her realization of her ideal."

We of Northfield rejoice with Mount Holyoke and salute her.

FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY

It is not often that the birthdays of the two greatest heroes of a country occur with an interval of barely ten days between them. Born sixty-seven years apart, each came into the limelight at a time of desperate necessity. Each was the "Man of the Hour," born, it would seem in answer to a specific need. Rivals in fame, it is almost impossible to compare them. Washington, the aristocrat, the astute general, the far-sighted statesman. Lincoln humbly born, self-educated, keen-minded and divinely kind. One inspires admiration, the other love. We venerate Washington, enthroning him on his lofty pedestal without question, but we are friends with Lincoln and long to keep him close to our hearts.

It is hard to believe that Washington had been dead only ten years when Lincoln was born, but those scant ten years are a gulf, that in many ways we never can bridge. Washington never really lives for us. He is a marvel of intellectual balance and skill, a man of sterling integrity and honor, but his heart is a closed book to us and the hand that we faint would clasp, is without warmth or life. We read of him, and for a moment, we catch a glimpse of the man himself, enmeshed, even as we are in the commonplaces of everyday life. A man who loved and sorrowed, was wounded and knew defeat, but once the covers of the book drop together and we are freed from the spell of the magic words, he retreats and is again merely one of the illustrious and long-dead. For there is something about mental supremacy, that is finite, it is only love that is immortal. And, as the years go by and the body returns again

to the mother earth, one by one, the smaller attributes that adorned or marred his personality drop away and are forgotten, and a man is remembered by that part of himself that is most outstanding. Washington was splendidly capable. He inspired confidence. He was so sane in the midst of confusion and upheaval. He was so steadfast and clear-eyed where others were faltering. He was trusted, even as he would be trusted today if he were here. It is meet that he should have been buried, in very truth into the deepest foundations of the state.

He has been nicknamed the "Father of his Country," because he was the first man chosen to speak for the little new republic. But what is a father but the one who stands forever between the nameless fears of childhood and the mystery of the unknown. God made fathers that the child looking back and seeing the face of one trusted, might forget the terrors and nightmares with which fevered fancies have peopled the beginning. God covered the back trail with strength and courage, that weakness could forge ahead without trembling and that eyes could search the distant horizons, secure in the knowledge that no unseen terror lurked in the rear.

Perhaps it is good for us that the human traits and impulses that make men beloved, should have been sidetracked, when we remember Washington. Perhaps it is because we needed the bulk of his splendid personality to give us confidence and security, that we have subconsciously denied him those very frailties that would have kept him close to our hearts. But, whatever it is, Washington to us, is one forever set aside from the passions that shake lesser men, a being of unerring judgment and splendid perfection, occupying a niche of his own among the illustrious and wise. —*Blanche J. Corser*

Girl Scout Items

The Girl Scouts, Troop 2, met in the town hall last Tuesday. Ten girls received uniforms they had earned.

Miss Herron, District Nurse, gave a talk and demonstration on hospital bed-making, giving each of the girls working on Second Class an opportunity to assist her. Enid Miner acted as the patient.

Miss Herron has recently passed the following girls in Second Class First Aid requirements: Lillian Dawe, Janet Kehl, Enid Miner, Helen Savcheff, and Marie Young.

Next week Tuesday, Feb. 25, Troop 2 will meet in Alexander Hall to practice the investiture ceremony as eight are ready to be invested. Merna Darby, Barbara Harris, Ruth Rikert, Gloria Savcheff, Esther Szestowicki, Ethel Tenney, Fay Warnock, and Genevieve Wozniak. Five others are expected to complete the tenderfoot test before the date of investiture.

Boy Scout Items

The inter-patrol contest shows the Indians leading the Owls by a wide margin. This lead has been made possible largely by the advancement work of two Indians, Aiden French and Reihau Danforth.

Aiden French, patrol leader of the Indians, is top man on the Scout Ladder he having passed off most of his First Class requirements.

At the next meeting Harold Bigelow will give instructions on rough weather camping. Each scout will receive a list of articles needed for camping and will be given instruction on how to keep comfortable in the woods in rough weather.

Mr. Martin E. Vorce will speak before the Masonic Lodge in Hinsdale, N. H., on his "Northern Experiences" at the regular meeting early in March.

HEALTH FORUM

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—
ETHYL GASOLINE

The Department has received a request for an article on Ethyl Gasoline because of the precautions printed on the outside jacket of the pumps from which the material is delivered to the gas tank of the automobile.

The development of this type of gasoline resulted from a study of substances which could be added to gasoline and reduce the speed of combustion, the purpose being to change the reaction from an explosion to a slow combustion in order that the compression of the engine should be increased and the engine would not be broken to pieces when operated. This idea is similar to the idea of slow-burning gun powder, which permits modern artillery to throw heavy projectiles without destruction to the cannon.

It was found that this organic lead compound, known as tetraethyl-lead, would cause this change in the combustion, and its commercial preparation was begun. The manufacture of the compound is very dangerous as it is one of the few substances which will penetrate the skin. During the first manufacture on a large scale, where the work was transferred from the laboratory to the factory and from technically trained persons to those of the laboring class, there resulted a number of deaths from this peculiar type of lead poisoning.

After these deaths, the article was taken off the market for nearly one year. During that period, an experiment was made in two towns of the same population with the same character of inhabitants but situated some distance apart. In one of these places the gasoline on sale contained lead; in the other it did not. There was no sickness in either locality which could be traced to the gasoline.

After this experiment the material was placed upon the market in various parts of the country in certain gasoline which was sold at an increased cost of three cents per gallon. After this was on the market for some time without any charges of injury to the health of the purchasers, practically all the gasoline was treated with this lead compound, the gasoline containing the most of the compound selling for two cents more per gallon.

When this type of gasoline was on sale in all parts of the country, the automobile manufacturers then put on the high compression heads which resulted in increased power from the same quantity of gasoline, and in addition, there are certain other advantages from the presence of the lead, particularly the absence of the so-called "knock" which is caused by premature detonation of the gasoline. When this material is burned in the engine, the organic lead compound becomes an inorganic lead salt and there is no more danger from what little of this material appears in the atmosphere than there is from lead paint which is blow off the sides of painted houses. It is well recognized that houses need to be repainted about once in three years.

The material, however, is dangerous if it is brought in contact with the skin and although the lead compound is only present in small amounts, sickness may result if a person washes his hands continually in this product. That is the only danger to users of the material.

There is, of course, danger in the manufacture of the product. There is a certain amount of danger in the transportation of the concentrate if there is any leakage and there is also a certain danger to the persons who

place the concentrate in the gasoline intended for sale.

If gasoline is desired for cleaning purposes, it may be purchased, but no person will sell such gasoline from material intended for use as a motor fuel. There are no records of lead poisoning traced to the use of this material as a motor fuel, and it can be said with perfect truth that the automobile itself is a more dangerous article than is the fuel which may contain a small amount of tetra-ethyl-lead.

PUBLIC FORUM**Was Mistaken**

To the Editor,
In an article in the *Press* of last week you stated that I was "hammering away on a Ford at Spencer's" when the air raid took place a week ago Thursday. Will you please correct the statement, for at the time I was using my hammer on a Studebaker and not on a Ford. —*Willis Parker*

Certainly, Willis, we stand corrected. Am glad you was using a hammer on something. —*Editor*

POLICE AND STATE ROADS

An after-Town-Meeting mediation may help others to clear up a point which was discussed February 3, with quite a degree of heated reference. The statement was made by one town official and by another man, that Northfield's Constables had no control over our state highways, which are entirely under state control. The following copied from Massachusetts' General Laws, is to the point:

General Laws, Chapter 81, Section 19 — "A town shall have police jurisdiction over all state highways within its limits."

(signed) A Taxpayer

Mileage Hints

By J. F. Winchester, S.A.E.
Supervisor of Motor Vehicle Equipment,
Colonial Esso Marketers

EVERY year numerous authorities warn motorists against the dangers of carbon-monoxide poisoning, and every year hundreds of persons disregard this warning and become victims of this apparently innocuous gas. At the expense of being repetitious let me warn readers once again of this danger and tell them how to avoid it. Four-tenths of one per cent of carbon-monoxide will kill a man in one hour, and a higher concentration will prove fatal in much less time. This means that four parts of carbon-monoxide to one thousand parts of air is decidedly dangerous. The amount of carbon-monoxide present in exhaust gases varies from 2.4 to 9.5 per cent.

There is really no legitimate excuse for the toll taken by carbon-monoxide every year. It could be eliminated completely if motorists just would be a little careful. For example, many motorists warm up their motors on cold days by allowing the engine to idle for five or ten minutes in a closed garage. This should never be done. Either open the garage doors and windows or, better still, drive the car. It warms up better under load, and it warms up better under load, varies from 2.4 to 9.5 per cent.

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